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For : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR COMMUNICATIONS  
INTERFACING CAPABLE OF EFFECTIVELY REDUCING DISK  
DRIVE POWER CONSUMPTION

**Mail Stop Patent Application**

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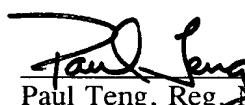
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Early and favorable consideration of the case is respectfully requested.

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